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WASHINGTON – Congressman Charles F. Bass (NH-02) issued the following statement today after the House of Representatives and the Senate passed a 90-day extension of the surface transportation reauthorization.

Bass said:

"While I'm glad Congress averted a crisis by passing a short-term extension and allowing critical infrastructure projects in New Hampshire, such as the I-93 widening project and the rehabilitation project on I-89 between exits 15 and 17, to move forward, 90 days is not enough. We need a long-term extension to give states and communities more certainty and stability in planning projects. I will continue working with my colleagues to encourage Leadership to find a bipartisan solution to this stalemate. Our economy and the safety of our roadways depends on it."

On Monday, Bass joined two other Republicans and three Democrats to send a letter to House Leadership urging them to reconcile any differences and take up the House version of the Senate Highway Bill (S. 1813, the Mobility, Access and Progress for the 21st Century Act, or MAP-21).

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